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After six thousand years the first henpecked husband has a champion. A New York minister raises his voice in behalf of Adam.

The expensiveness of social life in Washington is probably responsible for the impression that a poor man in the cabinet is in a box.

A man leaped from a four-story building in Pawtucket to escape paying a poll tax of \$1. His relatives will pay his undertaker's bill.

The dowager empress of China has already spent nearly \$4,000,000 on her own monument—but, then, she expects to spend a long time under it.

Gen. Andre, French minister of war, has been succeeded by a stock broker. A milliner is pressing his claims for the French naval portfolio.

J. Pierpont Morgan has had his latest photograph copyrighted to prevent its publication. It isn't stated that he does this from motives of modesty.

The relentless Dr. Wiley now announces that pate de foie gras is made of veal. Now settle back and wait till he tells what the veal is made of.

New York has now a public bath, with accommodations for about 175 persons. The population of New York city according to the census of 1900, was 3,437,202.

A New York man writes to The Sun of that city to say that he knows "a number of Usonians" who object to being called Americans. No doubt they are "New Yawkehs."

Music may be a cure for nervous troubles, but in the case of compositions like "Hiawatha" and "Bedelia" the opinion will prevail that the remedy is worse than the disease.

France is having the time of her life signing arbitration treaties. She has got fourteen of them lined up; pity the next one couldn't be put into use in her own chamber of deputies.

The new governor general of Canada thinks that country will in five years have a population of 40,000,000. That would certainly be carrying the anti-race suicide theory to the extreme.

The secret of a new and powerful explosive is lost forever because it exploded. Mr. Harry Mills, the inventor, happened to be near by. Man proposes, but heaven disposes of him and his proposal.

The Washington Post tells H. P. Whitney that "he could have hired ten good college professors for what he pays his new jockey." And it would have been worth the money to see the professors ride the horses.

Janaushek, greatest actress of her day, lived beyond the years of those who admired her and died poor and almost forgotten. The actor and the orator should pass with their generation if they would die happy.

Thomas Eagleton of New York has managed to accumulate debts of \$119,000, without any assets, in spite of the fact that he can neither read nor write. There can be no doubt of the fact that financial geniuses are born and not made.

A dozen generals and the students of a military college started a revolution in Brazil, but a few policemen broke the heads of the revolutionists and the path to glory the leaders blazed out for the students has led them to the calaboose.

BOYS AND GIRLS

The Christmas Fellows.

Gettin' close to Christmas, an' you hear 'em, every day:
"How long is it away—
How long is it away—
How long is it away?"
They're thinkin' of the runnin' of the reindeer, with the sleigh—
"How long is it away
Till Christmas?"

Bless 'em—little fellows—with the rosy cheeks of May.
"How long is it away—
How long is it away?"
There is no sweeter language that the shiny angels say:
"How long is it away
Till Christmas?"

An' the old folks get to thinkin'—with furrowed brows an' gray:
"How long it seems away—
How long it seems away!"
An' they are as little children, as for those they love they pray:
"God keep the little fellows
To their Christmas!"
—Atlanta Constitution.

Gave Riders a Bath.

An incident is related of a horse, kind, intelligent and good-natured, but as full of fun as a person might be, as will be seen by the joke he played upon some boys. They were four of the lads, and one day they undertook to ride the horse bareback, all at once. Dobbin gave no warning of his intentions, but walked off, apparently almost asleep, until he reached a stream of water, into which he walked and laid down, emptying all the four boys into the water, and then, turning, galloped home.

A Twelfth Night Party

Or the feast of the star, was an olden time merry-making which is modernized for twentieth century children in the book of children's parties.

The chief feature of the twelfth night revels was the choosing of the king and queen and their court by means of cards on which pictures were drawn and colored to represent the different characters. Such cards the hostess provides beforehand, and as the children arrive each girl draws one from a tray, on which are placed, face downward, cards representing the queen and her ladies. Each boy takes a card from another tray, which contains those for the king and his lords in waiting. In an adjoining room the hostess, to whom each child in turn is sent, dresses him in the property or bit of costume belonging to the character which his card bears. It is a gay little court; king and queen with gold paper crowns, jester in parti-colored cap and tinkling bells, the herald with trumpet, and the lords and ladies in waiting with their wands tipped each with a golden star.



Fortunately their dignity is laid aside, for they will not need it in the merry game of air ball. Two bright colored paper balls are provided for this game, also two palm leaf fans tied with ribbons of the same colors. Two captains are elected, who choose sides

and colors. A goal is arranged at each end of the room by placing two chairs or footstools a yard apart. A chair is also placed half way between the goals in the middle of the room. Each team takes possession of a goal and the ball and fan in its colors. Two players at a time contest, one from each side. Each stands in front of his goal, fan in hand, his paper ball at his feet. At a signal from the hostess, who acts as umpire, each child fans his ball toward the opponent's goal. The object is to send the ball between the legs of the chair in the center of the room and through the goal of the opposing team. The players are not allowed to touch the ball, which is moved by the breeze of the fan alone. The team that scores the most is rewarded with a bouquet of flowers, which is divided by the captain among the players.

After other jolly games there is a supper, which includes individual star-shaped cakes with a ring baked in one.

Poor Dragon.

The dragon is a very much abused beast. In every country in the world but one he is looked upon as a fire-breathing monster that likes nothing better than to eat all the people in a village, set fire to the houses and take a nap.



saving the tender young babies and the pretty little girls for dessert.

The one country in the world where this kind of monster is given credit for his good heart is in China and that is the dragon's home, so they ought to know something about him. One day, a mere trifle of 2,800 years ago, so the Chinese legends say, while the Emperor Fu-hsi was walking beside the river Lo, a yellow dragon rose from the water and taught him the art of writing, giving him an alphabet, so that the Chinese could record their history and make out laundry tickets, and for this the Chinese worship the dragon to this day. Even the emperor's throne is still called "the dragon's seat." The dragon which is shown here was drawn by the Chinese artist and shows the fabled monster rising amid flames from the river Lo with "the pearl of mystic powers" between its claws.

Of course, there never was a real dragon. It is only a mythical beast, the first stories of which probably arose from descriptions handed down from father to son of those ancient days when the earth was the home of the dinosaurs and other terrible creatures with no less terrible names.

Concealed Sentences.

Concealed in each one of these is a sentence that expresses exactly the same thing in a much better way. Transpose the words so that you make a new and more simple sentence, being careful to use every word that is in the original sentence:

Vastly different are the ways, right and wrong, of saying things.
Try, again try, if you don't at first succeed.

Cheerless over hills of gray that brief December day rose the sun.

Everything is worth doing well that is worth doing.

Thou sluggard, go to the art; be wise and consider its ways.

Fear makes all of us cowards.

His Last Wish Gratified
"No," said the billionaire, with deep conviction in his voice, "I would consider myself in error indeed should I die while I have even a tenth of the wealth I now possess. It is my wish to die comparatively poor."
"Oh, you dear old papa!" exclaimed his fair and only daughter, as she embraced him. "The duke proposed last night and I accepted him. Isn't that just your luck?"—Judge.

By No Means

"Five dollars," said the medium; "thanks. Now a spirit wishes to speak to you; a female spirit; would you like it materialized?"

"Er—can you tell who it is?"
"Certainly! It is your mother-in-law."

"Lord, no! Here's another \$5. on't!"

Home of the Silk Hat.

The number of silk hats made annually in the United Kingdom is about 12,000,000.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

How Gas Consumes Air.

An ordinary gas light, sixteen candle power, consumes as much air in an hour as four men.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 80,000 testimonials. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

A girl acknowledges her lack of beauty when she begins to show more interest in other things than she does in herself.—Chicago News.

They Should.

"My honest conviction, based upon my own experience and that of my friends, is that 'Hunt's Cure' will cure a larger per cent of skin troubles, especially of an itching variety, than any other remedy. Certainly those afflicted with any form of itch should try it."

J. O. Monroe,
Atchison, Kas.

50c per box.

Chinese Dress Colors.

Any color or harmony of colors may be used in the Chinese costume except solid yellow. That color is reserved for the robes of royalty. White enters not at all into the Chinese dress, that is, in solid color, for it is Chinese mourning.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Salaries of Public Officials.

The salary of the mayor of Boston is \$10,000, \$2,000 more than is paid the governor of Massachusetts. The mayor of San Francisco receives \$6,000, the amount paid the governor of California.

Try One Package.

If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

Prisoners Learn Trades.

In the British military prisons the prisoners practice rifle shooting, gymnastics and signaling, and those who are to be discharged from the army at the end of their terms learn a trade, if they have none.

Difficult Road Building.

Thirty-three tunnels were blasted with dynamite in the construction of the circum-Baikal branch of the Transiberian railway. The entire length of the line is only 153 miles. Its construction was begun in 1900.